

Monday, July 1, 2002

Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Board of Trustees, Peninsula Healthcare District

Dear Commissioners Getman, Downey, Knox and Swanson,

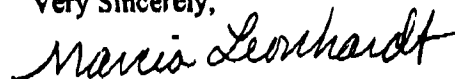
It is my understanding that you have expressed an opinion that Director Terilyn Hanko has a conflict of interest and should not be able to vote on issues coming before that Board.

Terilyn Hanko was elected as a member of this board by the people of the district, knowing that she works in the healthcare field, that is one of the reasons we feel she is qualified to make decisions on our behalf. There is no direct connection nor anything but an unconnected possible bonus which is independent of Hanko's relation to the hospital and if this is your reason for disqualifying her, I urge you to reconsider. I have worked for pharmaceutical companies that sell to Mills-Peninsula Hospital and I know firsthand that my employer controlled my income, not the hospitals I called on.

I have known Terilyn Hanko for many years and know that she is and has always been involved with her community, as has her family; Terilyn's mother has been active in Environmental Protection and other issues affecting the quality of life in the San Francisco Peninsula, just as Terilyn is trying to ensure the quality of healthcare in this District. Terilyn has been a member of both the League of Women Voters of Central San Mateo County and the National Women's Political Caucus, San Mateo/Peninsula for many years, including being President for four years. Both organizations work for the same goals as Terilyn. Terilyn Hanko was endorsed by the NWPC whose members know that she is employed by Baxter Healthcare Corp. Terilyn represents the opinions and hopes of most of the thinking population on the Peninsula.

Sutter Health has made an offer to replace the existing hospital which is not up to code for earthquake safety. It is imperative that someone like Terilyn is on the board to oversee and vote on this issue because maintaining accessibility to everyone, not just members of Sutter Health should be the goal of a District hospital. Also, since the community is giving the land for 50 years for \$1.00 to Sutter in exchange for their building the hospital, Sutter Health is profiting from this arrangement or they would not agree to do it. We need to ensure that vital services are continued, not terminated just because Sutter wants to make more profit. Terilyn Hanko is fighting to keep a voice for the residents who will need to use the hospital. Again, I urge you to give Terilyn Hanko full approval and reinstate her right to vote on the Board of Trustees.

Very Sincerely,



Marcia Leonhardt
1461 Cortez Ave.
Burlingame, CA 94010